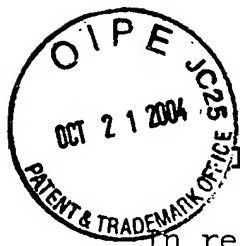


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Kwan Yong LIM, et al.

Serial No.: 10/614,189 Group Art Unit: 2818

Filed: July 8, 2003 Examiner: Vu, David

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patent October 21, 2004
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, Applicant elects Species II depicted in figures 4A-3F, with traverse. Claims 9-14 read on the elected species.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the election requirement. Both 37 C.F.R. §1.141 and M.P.E.P. §806.04(a) provide that a reasonable number of species may be claimed in one application. It is respectfully submitted that the number of species claimed in the present application does not exceed such a reasonable number, particularly in view of the structural similarity of, and the similar field of search required for, the claimed species. Reconsideration and

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If a Petition for Extension is necessary and the petition and/or payment of the fee(s) is not enclosed, this will act as a petition to extend the time for response and authorization to charge the necessary fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) to Deposit Account 50-3226.

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